

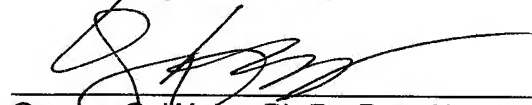
REMARKS

By referring back to method claim 11, claim 14, which is an apparatus claim, should be considered a linked claim and thus need not be subject to any restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection that claims 11-25 are indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Examiner's basis of such rejection seems to be centered on the phrases such as "the connecting line" and "the plumb line" for lacking antecedent basis. However these phrases within the content of the claim are self-defining and are not indefinite. For example, "the connecting line" in claim 11 is within the content of "the connecting line of said two adjacent monitoring points." It is definite because there is one and only one connecting line in the world between any two points. It is the basic concept of geometry. Similarly, the phrase "the plumb line" is definite because it has only one meaning as used in claim 11 (with reference to the included angle between a line and the plumb line).

However, in the interest of prosecution economy, Applicant has hereby deleted the use of "the" and replaced it with "a" to overcome the Examiner's rejection which, as argued above, amounts to no more than a formality objection.

Respectfully submitted,



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